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NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s December unemployment rate of 4.3 percent, up two-tenths of a percentage point over November, was released on January 18. County unemployment rates released today showed that 63 county rates were down, 26 county rates were up, and six remained the same over the month.

Williamson County at 1.9 percent, down from 2.1 percent, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Fentress County at 12.0 percent, up from 11.3 percent, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.0 percent in December, down from 2.2 percent, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Hamilton County reported a 2.6 percent rate, down from 2.8 percent. Davidson County reported a 2.7 percent rate, down from 2.9 percent, while Shelby County reported a 3.7 percent rate, down from 4.0 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter “http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures.”

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